

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Terence Gerard Daly **Examiner:** Cross, Alan
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Title: Bonus Game Using a Subset of Reels **Customer No.** 30076

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-16, and 18-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 15, 16, 18-23, 25-27, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Munoz (US 2004/0242313) in view of Singer *et al.* (US 6,604,740). Claims 9 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Munoz in view of Singer in further view of the Price is Right game "Squeeze Play." Claims 13, 14, 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Munoz in view of Singer in further view of Fier (US 6,126,542).

In response, a 37 CFR 1.131 Affidavit has been filed obviating the Munoz reference. No claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.